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Changing Room: a Not-so-Baby Nursery

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Little Girl's nursery was conceived almost as soon as she was; her architect-parents, Dawn Bennett and her husband Robert, created a home for their new bundle-of-joy that was sure to inspire their minds, as well as hers. The playful not-so-baby nursery is designed to change, growing with her while keeping an eye on design and budget. For a fun focal point to the room, Dawn (principal at Splice Design) called in her friend Lichen Frank to design and paint murals that give Little G a glimpse of her parent's love of Rex Ray's abstract art. The vibrant colors; "Frolic", "Turquish", "Mandarin", "Toasty", "Cheerful" and "Verve Violet" and joyful tone anchor a place that the whole family enjoys. Not your typical baby motif; the circus tents and abstract botanicals will be as appropriate at age 8 as they were at 8 months.



It was important for the family to start off with the future in mind; kids grow so quickly, needing healthy space to play; easy-cleanup storage, stimulating but budget-friendly décor. Knowing that adaptability was key, they kept to a white modular Ikea "Stolmen" storage system (currently part changing-table, part dresser) that lifts off the floor and can grow with her. Textured and colorful storage bins add variety and life to the white storage shelves.

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They chose kid-friendly modern updates on traditional interior pieces; a cowhide-patterned tile of environmentally- friendly Flor carpet provides a soft place to play; a bright-colored Kartell chair seats her in style.



What Little G doesn't know won't hurt her - there's green hidden everywhere; from the low voc paint to the fluorescent light fixtures, the recycled carpets, and adaptably-designed furniture (allowing for reuse instead of replacement), but Little G only knows this as the most fun room in the house.

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Tips from Splice Design to create your own not-so-baby nursery:

- Experiment with color and texture – a range of vibrant hues and patterns contrasted with areas of neutral will keep you and your child interested
- Keep flexible – select layouts and furniture that can accommodate change over time. Little G's Amy Coe crib from Babies R Us will convert into a toddler bed as she grows.
- Choose your inspiration, and ask friends for help – if you don't know an artist like Lichen, look for large vinyl wall cling artwork, or large print posters available online.
- Share something you enjoy – things that inspire you can inspire your child also, and in the early years you will be spending nearly as much time in the nursery as she will.
- Add a couple of unexpected pieces – the bright orange Kartell chair and similar-hued thrift-store lamps pop near the white storage. A little bit of design can go a long way to make a space playful.

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